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ITRMC Vision: Capture 21st Century technologies to deliver services to Idaho's citizens.

NAIP Partnership Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA), in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, has invited the State of Idaho and other partners to participate with the collection of color, digital imagery for its **National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)**.

The NAIP will provide new digital imagery for the state enterprise GIS framework layer benefiting Idaho agriculture, public safety, transportation, and other users of spatial data.

A total of **\$506,501 has been pledged**, and Nathan Bentley, State Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator and ITRMC Staff member, is now working with the FSA to draft agreements to be distributed to all partners. When Bentley was contacted about this opportunity, he began calling and visiting city, county, state, federal, tribal, and private sector organizations in an attempt to identify funding in support of the program.

The acquisition of Idaho digital ortho-photography in

2004 by the FSA under the NAIP represents a **modernization** of the digital orthophoto quadrangles (DOQs) that were produced by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). This older black and white one-meter spatial resolution is the best imagery some county organizations have available. However, the age of this data layer is becoming a concern, as the data ranges from 1992 to 1999. NAIP imagery will retain the one-meter spatial resolution but is a natural color product. The NAIP has a five-year refresh cycle to maintain nearly current imagery.

According to the FSA, "When used in conjunction with the vast amount of land and customer information already available, a GIS provides the ability to effectively administer farm programs, and geo-reference natural disasters and animal or plant disease outbreaks to support better decision making."

For more information, contact Bentley at (208) 332-1879 or nbentley@adm.state.id.us.

New Committee Focuses on IT Security, Business Continuity

'**Protect the privacy and confidentiality of citizen information**' is one goal of the ITRMC Enterprise IT Security and Business Continuity Committee, which held its first meeting on March 8. The goal is outlined in the newly revised State IT Strategic Plan—<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/plan&policies/itplan.htm>.

Committee **membership** includes representatives of: the City of Boise; the Office of the State Controller; the Departments of Administration, Commerce and Labor, Correction, Fish and Game, and Health and Welfare; the

Bureaus of Disaster Services and Homeland Security; the Idaho State Police; the ITRMC Staff; the State Tax Commission; and the Idaho Transportation Department. Director Karl Kurtz of the Department of Health and Welfare is chairman.

To facilitate the implementation of the group's objectives, three subcommittees have been formed dealing with **business continuity, privacy, and security**.

Please check <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/committees.htm#ITSecurity> for meeting information.



Ron Pisaneschi (center) of Idaho Public Television (IPTV) demos IPTV's digital TV/web offerings to Senator Patti Anne Lodge during *Digital Government Day*, held February 9 at the Capitol Rotunda.

Council Update: February 18, 2004, Meeting*

- The Council adopted a **revised State of Idaho Information Technology Strategic Plan** (see: <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/plan&policies/itplan.htm>.)
- A **re-vote was taken to rescind** IT Policy 4010, Digital Certificates & Public Key Infrastructure, and Enterprise Standard 3210, Security – Network Intrusion Detection System.

*Full copies of approved ITRMC minutes available online:
<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/council/minutes.htm>

'Mini-Portal' Development

ITRMC Staff member Bill Farnsworth is leading an effort to develop a state business web portal, '**business.idaho.gov**,' which will provide information to businesses from one location. This multi-agency, enterprise portal will be available mid-year. Other mini-portals include the State Employee Portal—www2.state.id.us/empportal/—and '**trucking.idaho.gov**,' which is also in development. Initial discussions have included representatives from the Department of Commerce and Labor, the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Idaho Industrial Commission, the State Tax Commission, the Office of the Secretary of State, the Small Business Development Center (Boise State University), Access Idaho, and others.

Idaho Team Attends Symposium on Integrated Justice Systems

An eight-member team from Idaho attended the 2004 SEARCH Symposium on Integrated Justice Information Systems—Supporting the Homeland, held in Washington, DC, March 22-24. This conference focused on issues and developments relating to integrating criminal justice information to further improve public safety and homeland security. A number of case studies were presented by states that have made very significant progress in the development of these integrated systems.

Idaho participants included: Bob Taylor, Idaho State Police and Team Leader; Brad Alvaro, Don Drum, and Susan Fujinaga, Department of Correction; Chief Cliff Hayes, Idaho Association of Police Chiefs; Lt. Scot Haug, Post Falls Police Department; and Rich Elwood and Don Fournier, ITRMC Staff. Attendance was funded by a grant from the National Governors' Association as part of its effort to improve awareness of best practices in the criminal justice information arena.

The information from the symposium will benefit the ITRMC-sponsored Idaho Criminal Justice Information Integration Task Force headed by Council member John Peay of the Idaho Supreme Court. The Task Force will work to enhance the flow and accessibility of criminal justice information across the numerous jurisdictions of the state to improve public safety, law enforcement, and homeland security in Idaho.

Compliance Survey Results

State departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and colleges and universities have responded to ITRMC's first-time compliance survey. The survey, sent to 62 organizations, had an excellent return rate of 85.5%. The findings (raw data below) will serve to educate agencies, as well as help the ITRMC Staff focus its efforts on communicating with them about specific items.

ITRMC IT Policies

72.9% indicated they complied
17.5% indicated they did not comply
9.6% of policies were identified as not applicable to some agencies

ITRMC IT Enterprise Standards

68.8% indicated they complied
11.6% indicated they did not comply
19.6% of standards were identified as not applicable to some agencies

Committee / Work Group Activities

Access Idaho Steering Committee

(Chairman: Bill Farnsworth, ITRMC Staff)

Recent approvals by this committee include service level agreements (SLAs) and/or SLA addendums for the following agencies: Dept. of Insurance, State Tax Commission, and Idaho Transportation Dept.; as well as several second and third-level uniform resource locators (URLs) for use by State of Idaho entities.

Idaho Criminal Justice Information Integration Task Force

(Chairman: John Peay, Idaho Supreme Court)

At its March 11 meeting, the group reviewed its mission statement: "Enhance public safety by creating a comprehensive system for sharing justice information among authorized public agencies." Also, status and progress of several short-term objectives were discussed, and the capabilities of the ISTARS Data Warehouse were demonstrated.

Idaho Geospatial Committee

(Chairman: Jonathan Perry, Bureau of Homeland Security)

The committee welcomed new member Linda Davis of the Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR) (replacing Tony Morse, IDWR) at its March 11 meeting. Also, the group voted to draft a letter recognizing the importance of parcel-based geographic information, as expressed in the Idaho I-Plan.

IDANET Steering Committee

(Chairman: Susan Simmons, Idaho Transportation Department)

In February, the Steering Committee adopted an interim backbone fee structure, as presented by Carla Casper, Dept. of Administration IT Resource Manager, and IDANET Services Manager. At its March meeting, the committee held a discussion with IDANET service providers, and approved a fee proposal that would be extended to the Dept. of Environmental Quality.

Webmasters Committee

(Co-Chairmen: Bill Farnsworth, ITRMC Staff
Jon Eckerle, Department of Administration)

At its January and March meetings, the group heard various presentations, including those related to the dot-gov domain, future training topics, agency activities, and privacy and security.

For information on all ITRMC committees and work groups, visit:

<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/committees.htm>.

2004 ITRMC Meeting Dates

★ Next Meeting ★

Wednesday, **April 21** from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

East Conference Room, J.R. Williams Building,
700 West State, Boise, ID

**All subsequent meetings will be held on Wednesdays,
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)**

June 16, August 18, October 20, December 15

Note: All meetings are subject to change.

Please check our website for an update—<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc>

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Featured Agency Application

Obligation Tracking System, Integrated Engineering Management System

The Idaho Air National Guard's Obligation Tracking System, Integrated Engineering Management System (OTS/IEMS) is a **cross utilization of shared resources** between state and federal government with the ability to track work orders, man-hours, materials, and funds expended by both state and federal organizations. It has been in operation since 1996.

The application is a **Microsoft Access-based system** used within Civil Engineering squadrons for tracking all costs associated with facilities operations and maintenance. This includes complete work order generation, time recording, utility tracking to include consumption and cost, small purchasing to include state purchase orders, blanket purchase agreements, and credit cards. IEMS also **provides a comprehensive suite** of accounting and budgeting tools for capturing, tracking, and reporting fiscal data. The system is designed to provide real-time fiscal and work order data to commanders or program managers. IEMS is a multi-user database system that will operate on servers or peer-to-peer architectures. Data integrity and segregation of roles and responsibilities are enforced using MS Access security models. IEMS is comprised of a compiled user interface containing screens and reports, as well as a back-end database containing all necessary data tables.

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